COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

NOTICE OF ECHO TELEPHONE)
COMPANY OF A GENERAL) CASE NO. 7902
ADJUSTMENT IN ITS RATES)

ORDER

On the 30th day of June, 1980, Echo Telephone Company filed its Notice with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its rates for telephone service rendered on and after the 20th day of July, 1980.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing and investigation will be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such investigation cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the proposed rates, charges and classifications be and they hereby are suspended and the application of the rates is deferred for a period of five (5) months on and after the 20th day of July, 1980.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this case be and it hereby is set for hearing on the 4th day of August, 1980, at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Echo Telephone Company shall at least twenty days prior to the date of hearing mail to each customer a typewritten or printed notice of the proposed rates or charges setting forth the place, date and hour of the hearing.

Alternatively, the Company shall publish once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the areas served by the Company a notice setting forth the place, date and hour of hearing and the proposed rates or charges as set forth in the Application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Echo Telephone Company shall file on or before the date of hearing its testimony in prepared form.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter in the event the proceedings in this case shall be terminated by final Order and/or otherwise prior to the termination of the five month period of suspension.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of July, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary